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Mattawan softball Little League World Series champs receive Senate tribute

LANSING – The Mattawan Little League softball team was presented with a special tribute on the Senate floor today by Sen. Tom George.

The team was recognized for winning the 2006 Little League World Series, held at Alpenrose Field in Portland, Oregon. The girls played teams from the United States, Canada, Latin America and Asia to win the championship.

"It is a great pleasure to extend congratulations to the players and coaches on the Mattawan softball team for an outstanding 2006 season that culminated in a World Series victory," said George, R-Texas Township. "We are proud to have Mattawan become the first Michigan team to win the World Series. This is an outstanding accomplishment."

Under the guidance of coaches Mike Amsbury, Jim McCarty and Mark Lochart, the team compiled an unbeaten 23 – 0 record. They also had the honor of being a 2006 Girls All-Star team.

Team members include: Allison Amsbury, Kiaya Anthony, Bekka Crow, Samantha Emery, Lauren Gevaart, Allie Havers, Allie Lochart, Alyssa McBride, Emily McCarty, Loren Nagy and Hanne Stuedemann.

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Photos of today's presentation are available at:

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